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MARSHALL, NC

Keep Up With Your Electricity Usage for 2020

Record Chart for Electric Bills						
<u>Month</u>	<u>Meter Reading</u>	<u>Date Read</u>	<u>KWH Used</u>	<u>Number Days</u>	<u>Amount of Bill</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>
JANUARY						
FEBRUARY						
MARCH						
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						

We encourage you to clip out the above chart and use it to record your electrical usage for the year. It will serve as a ready reference for the cost of electricity for any particular month. If you keep these records over several years, you will know when and how your usage is affected by holidays, vacations, company, etc. As the cost of energy continues to rise, more and more emphasis will be placed on energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption. This exercise should show if your efforts are successful over time.



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Manager's Report



Jeff Loven

"Bright Ideas" Gives Back to Those We Serve

Since 1994, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives Bright Ideas program has given almost \$12.2 million dollars to educators for more than 11,700 projects benefiting over 2.3 million students. The Bright Ideas program was developed to provide funding to our local teachers for innovative classroom projects that fall outside normal funding parameters. For the past 20 years, French Broad Electric has participated in the Bright Ideas program, funding projects from teachers in and near our service territory.

This past fall marked another successful year for the Bright Idea program at French Broad EMC. In total, \$25,000 was used to fund 27 projects in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, and Unicoi County, Tn. Many grants have been awarded toward technology-based curriculum items such as iPods, iPads, Kindle's, etc. Our school systems have very limited resources for purchasing these items. We live in a society heavily influenced by technology and our children need to be fluent in the use of these technology-based tools. Being able to contribute to the purchase of these technolo-

gies is a worthwhile investment in our communities and our children.

A few of the many interesting projects that were funded this year included a grant to Greenlee Elementary School for \$1,400 to purchase new reading materials. Mrs. Smith's students will be able to improve their reading skills by using audio CD's as well as new books. Their goal is to improve children's reading skills at an early age so they develop confidence and gain the ability to read fluently before heading into middle school.

Another great project that was funded was for Mrs. Gillespie's class at Weaverville Elementary School. With a \$1,500 grant, Mrs. Gillespie was able to purchase additional science equipment needed for her classroom. This equipment will be used to educate students on different aspects of weather and how that effects growing plants and vegetables. They will also learn about sound and how it travels.

Ms. Valerie Thomas of Mountain Heritage High School received a \$850 grant to purchase tablets and adaptive books so students with disabilities can learn the joys of reading on their level and still

improve their overall reading skills. These tablets will ultimately assist in building life skills for these students so they can enjoy reading and be better prepared when they graduate.

Michelle Franklin of Madison Middle School was awarded a \$1,000 grant to assist in the purchase of additional lab tools for her science classes. These tools will be used in many different scientific experiments to study light, sound, motion, and pH levels. With these tools at their disposal, students will be more prepared for the high school science curriculum.

As you can see, great things are going on in our local school systems and French Broad Electric and its Board of Directors are proud to contribute to such a worthy cause. We are proud of the work our local educators do for our youth in our communities and we want to assist in providing them with the tools to do more. Our Bright Ideas grant program provides an opportunity for our teachers to help more kids and get them involved in developing the skills that will be necessary for them to be successful as they become adults.



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The Outlet

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FOR SALE

3 acres, Toe River, \$62,000. 208-6849.

5 ac, paved rd, views, Brommits Ck, will divide, \$40,000. 208-6849.

English Shepherd puppies. 683-3126.

Empire vented heater, 35k BTU, \$300. 912/449-1139.

2BR/2BA house w/ 2BR/1BA apt near MHU, tenants now. 912/844-3244.

2BR/1½BA house w/ 1BR/1BA apt near MHU, tenants. 912/844-3244.

Homemade, hand-stitched quilts & afghans. 675-4271.

Costume jewelry & gemstones. 675-4271.

Jeldwen 6-0 energy star door, \$600. 484-9527.

Pellet stove, \$1,000. 484-9527.

50+ sheets of roofing tin, 10'9"x33", \$500 OBO. 649-0070.

Building blocks. 649-0070.

Riding horse, \$500 OBO. 645-7544.

Baseball cards. 645-7544.

NordicTrack C2si stationary bike/ exercise cycle, \$175. 689-9018.

2007 Honda RT Ridgeline truck, 92,800mi, \$7,000. 467-1193.

High Valley wood stove. 683-6508.

ARE truck camper top, fits 2009 F150, \$325. 689-2460.

Lone 4-wheeler trailer w/ tilt bed & rear ramp, 4x6, \$400. 385-0053.

Ashley wood heater. 649-2617.

1994 HD Low Rider, \$5,000. 380-0010.

20.5 acres, Bend of Ivy, creek access. 206-0107.

Tools, antiques, saws, barbed wire, etc. 305/988-9188.

Antique drugstore display copper stone 6 shelves. 683-9169.

American Tourister suit case on wheels. 683-9169.

4k sq ft home + 720 sq ft barn on 9.69ac, \$625,000. 305/988-9188.

EPS foam composite roofing panels, 4'x8'x9", \$75ea. 206-1144.

Buck Stove 19" gas log set, \$75. 863-991-3644.

Snow mobile boots, 2k unit insulated, size 12, \$25. 689-4024.

Heavy war surplus tanker pants, \$15. 689-4024.

Hotpoint washer/dryer, \$500 OBO. 380-2753.

2008 Acura RDX turbo, loaded, 122k mi, \$8,900 OBO. 380-9451.

3.79 acres, Mars Hill, \$95,000. 779-4319.

Small animal houses, 4'x4'x6' fiberglass, \$200ea. 683-3654.

2007 HD Super Glide, 6k mi, \$5,000. 380-0010.

WANTED

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Used guard rail. 706/231-3064.

Someone to clean, \$10/hr. 206-1511.

2 acres between Mars Hill-Laurel-Burnsville area. 689-9906.

2+BR house on 2 ac between Mars Hill-Laurel-Burnsville area. 689-9906.

Working tobacco setter. 284-3377
or 423/743-0360.

House to rent, lease or buy, Yancey
Co school district. 618-0343.

Someone to clean homes & busi-
nesses. 649-2343.

Help for 2020 Census, \$17/hr +mile-
age. 2020census.gov/jobs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: clean houses. 450-8073.

Will Do: lawncare. 450-8073.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter.
649-9798.

Will Do: repairs, tile & odd jobs, ref.
423/580-3231.

For Rent: 2BR/2BA, no pets/
smoking, ref, \$550+dep. 682-7524.

Master Gardener class, 1-4pm
Mar-May. 649-2411.

Will Do: part-time care-giving, ref.
649-9676.

For Rent: House, 2,200sq ft, home
or office, Hwy 25/70. 776-2393.

For Rent: 2BR apt, Hwy 25/70.
776-2393.

Will Do: cut trees. 675-4003.

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

Will Do: Madigral painting & pressure
washing. 380-0640 or 380-0708.

ROW Clearing Schedule January/February

Marshall District

- *Sandy Mush Crk
- *Upper end of Big Laurel
- *Grapevine/Petersburg
- *Walnut *Barnard *Big Pine
- *Town of Mars Hill

Burnsville District

- *Hickory Springs Road
- *Halltown Rd *Altapass Rd
- *Henredon Rd *Biggerstaff Rd
- *Dale Rd *Pine Swamp
- *Mitchell Branch
- *Mica Spring Heights
- *Town of Bakersville

Bright Ideas Educational Grants Awarded

For twenty-seven teachers in seventeen schools in the area, Christmas came in early November in the form of a check. These teachers were awarded funding for the Bright Ideas project proposals they submitted earlier in the fall. They were selected from applications submitted to French Broad EMC for consideration.

The grants, in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1,500, will help fund innovative ways to improve classroom instruction. The grants will purchase supplies that are not affordable through normal school budgets, which typically are strained to meet the basic needs of teachers.

Buncombe County

Barnardsville Elementary: Lynn Gillespie
Leicester Elementary: Tammy Gregg
North Windy Ridge: Stacie Keitt

Madison County

Brush Creek Elementary: *Mandy Sheehan*
Madison Early College: *Oshen Wallin*
Madison High: *Neal Lieberman & Rachael Ray*
Madison Middle: *James Anderson, Michelle Franklin,*
Thomas Hicks & Don Schiffhauer
Mars Hill Elementary: *Holly Massey & Gwen Moore*

Mitchell County

Deyton Elementary: *Kelli Chapman*
Greenlee Primary: *Philesia Smith*
Harris Middle: *Dustin Hughes*

Yancey County

Blue Ridge Elementary: *Sharleen Wiseman*
Burnsville Elementary: *Jamie Biggerstaff, Carleigh Burleson & Keli Miller*
Cane River Elementary: *Christy Deyton & Jenny Martin*
East Yancey Middle: *Beryl Carroll & Mary Sapp*
Micaville Elementary: *Karen Fox*
Mountain Heritage High: *Sarah Laws & Valerie Thomas*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!